

Meetings of Hindi Salahakar Samiti

198. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) when the Hindi Salahakar Samiti was re-constituted in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions;

(b) the number of sittings of the Samiti held during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the efforts made to conduct its meeting regularly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS OF PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Hindi Salahakar Samiti of this Ministry was reconstituted on May 17, 2000.

(b) and (c) After reconstitution of the Samiti, action was initiated to hold its meeting. However, a meeting of the Samiti scheduled to be held on August 11, 2000, could not be held for certain unavoidable reasons. Before that, no meeting of the Samiti could be held as it could not be reconstituted earlier owing to various factors viz. non-completion of the process of seeking the requisite nominations for the Samiti, dissolution of the 11th and the 12th Lok Sabha on December 04, 1997 and April 26, 1999 respectively, etc. The meeting of the Samiti is now scheduled to be held on March 23, 2001.

Setting up of pension fund

199. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have mooted a new proposal for setting up of Pension Fund for the Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the proposed fund will cover the existing

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pensioner of the Central Government also and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the corpus of the new Pension Fund will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS OF PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) Various alternative proposals including recommendation of Fifth Central Pay Commission for creation of Pension Fund for Central Government employees are being debated at various levels and fora of Government. Government has not taken any final decision to create a Pension Fund for Central Government servants.

Complaints regarding pensions

† 200. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints regarding pensions have been received from Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken for their disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS OF PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A total number of 1034 complaints/grievances relating to various pensionary matters have been received from the pensioners living in the State of Maharashtra during January, 2000 to 31st December, 2000. The complaints belong to two categories:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.